



Chess pieces names and values

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Chapter 1

Chess pieces names and values

This page provides the details of chess pieces, names of chess pieces, value of chess pieces and photo of chess pieces. These will help the beginners to learn the names of chess pieces easily.

Chess pieces resembles tall columns with a wide base. See [photo of chess pieces](#). The shape of the pieces tapers from bottom to top. The top portion of the chess pieces are styled to represent each piece nature.

1.1 Colour of chess pieces

There are primarily two colour of pieces exist. They are

- White
- Black

1.2 Number of chess pieces

Each player has 16 pieces. The pieces of chess for one player are

1. [King](#) - 1 No
2. [Queen](#) - 1 No
3. [Rook](#) - 2 Nos
4. [Knight](#) - 2 Nos
5. [Bishop](#) - 2 Nos
6. [Pawn](#) - 8 Nos



Figure 1.1: Infographics of Chess pieces

[Download](#) the large size pdf file of this infographics on chess pieces at the [chess pieces chart](#) page.

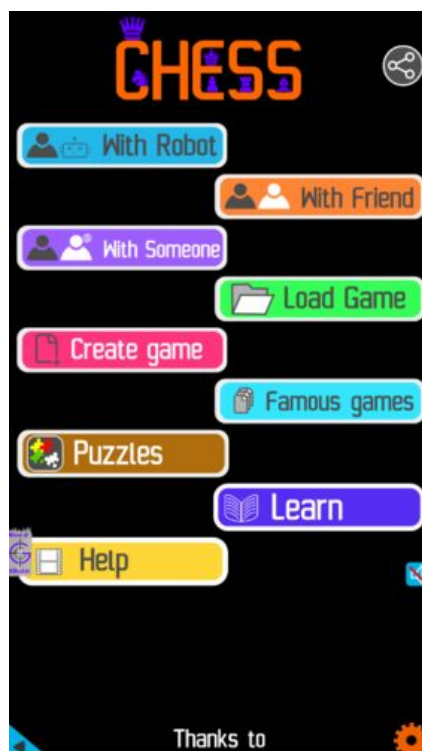


Figure 1.2: Play chess online for free. Solve puzzles and play with friends

Play chess for free at <https://gbud.in/chs>

We present you a platform to [play chess online with friends for free](#). No need to install any app or no login is required. Simple. You can [solve puzzles](#), [learn about chess](#), [play with computer](#), [play with friend](#), [create your own chess games](#), use it as a [fen viewer](#), [fen editor](#), [fen generator](#), [pgn viewer](#), [chess board editor](#) or [view famous chess games](#).

1.3 Pieces

1.3.1 King

Each player get only one [king](#). King is the [tallest](#) among the pieces. It has a crown on its top with a cross. See [photo of king](#). King is the most important and the weakest piece. You have to protect your king from enemies attack.

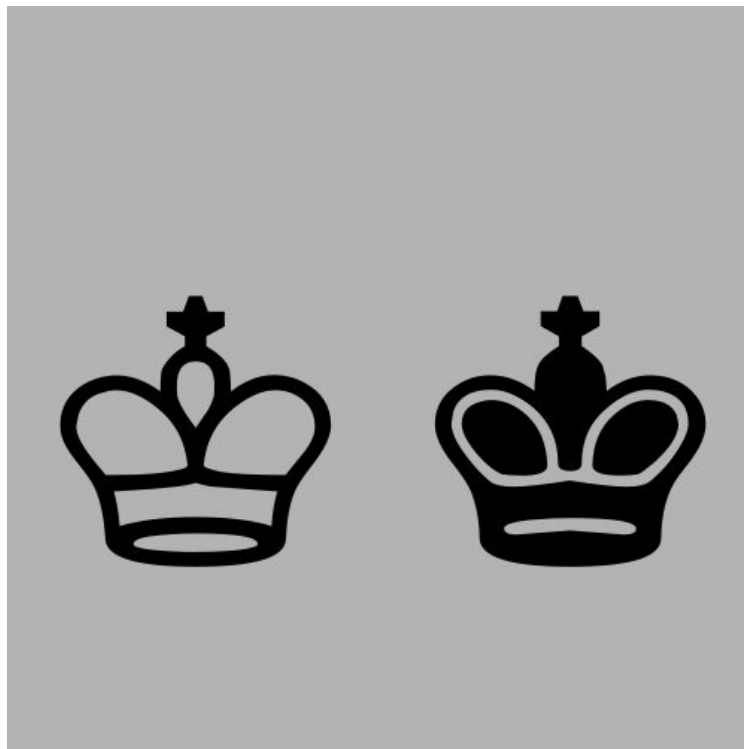


Figure 1.3: Icon of king in chess



Figure 1.4: Photo of king in chess

1.3.2 Queen

Queen is slightly shorter than the king and has a small crown at the top with a tiny ball. See [photo of queen](#). Each player has one queen. Queen is the **most powerful** piece, as it combines the movement of a **Rook** and a **Bishop**.

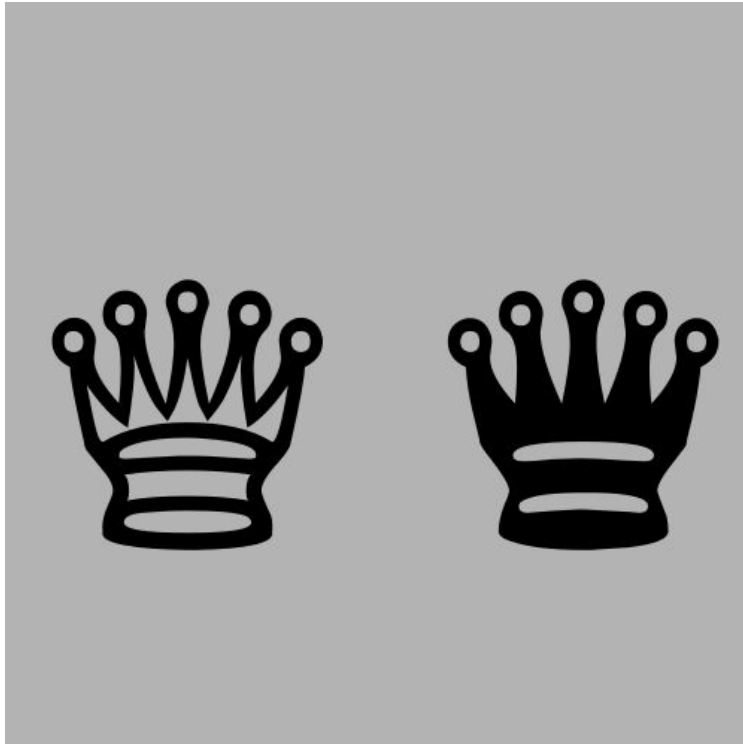


Figure 1.5: Icon of queen in chess



Figure 1.6: Photo of queen in chess

1.3.3 Bishop

Bishop is usually third in the order based on [height](#). It has a a hat like top portion that represents [mitre](#) and it stands next to [King](#) and [Queen](#). See [photo of bishop](#). Each player has two bishops. Bishop is [weaker](#) than the rook.

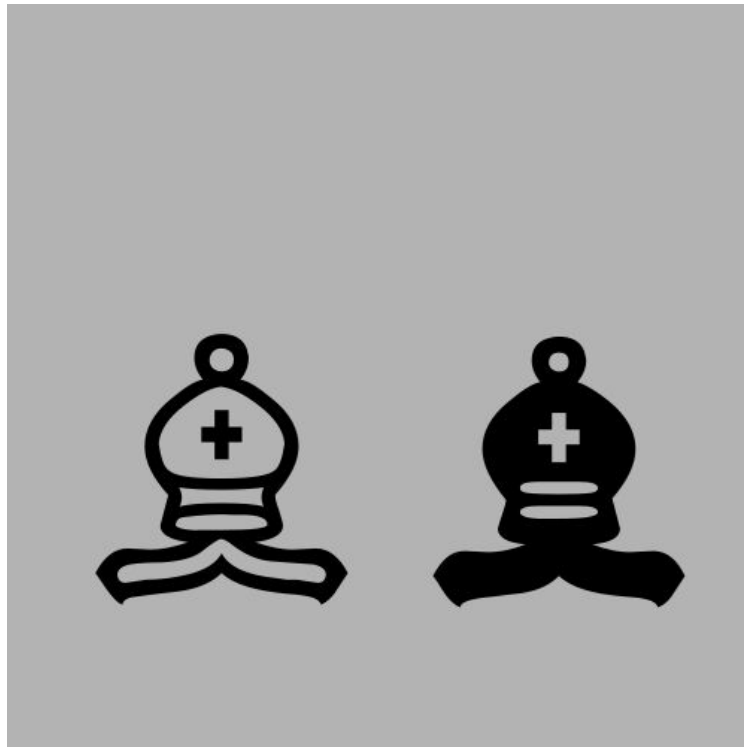


Figure 1.7: Icon of bishop in chess

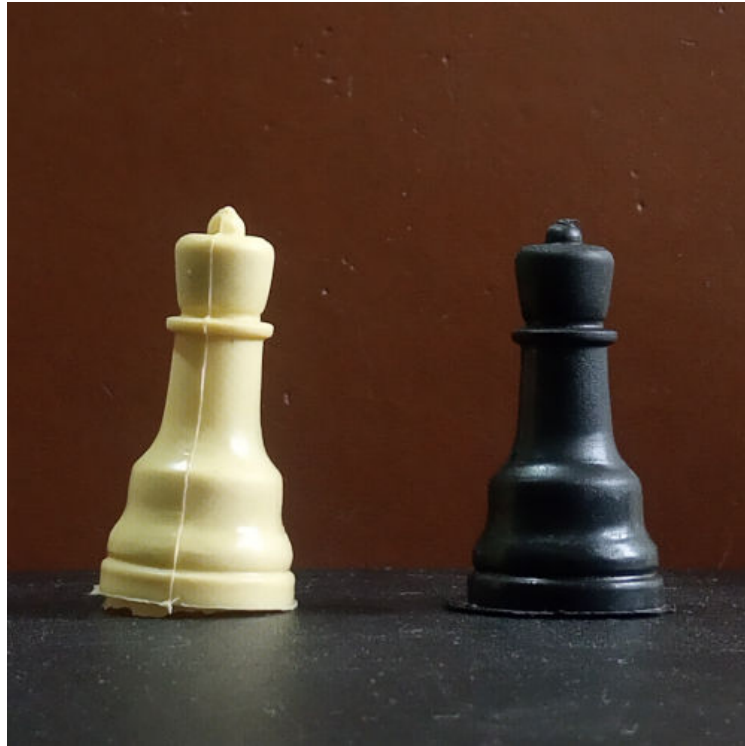


Figure 1.8: Photo of bishop in chess

1.3.4 Knight

The [knight](#) has a S shaped head on top. See [photo of knight](#). Each player has two knights. Knights and bishops are normally considered [equal](#).

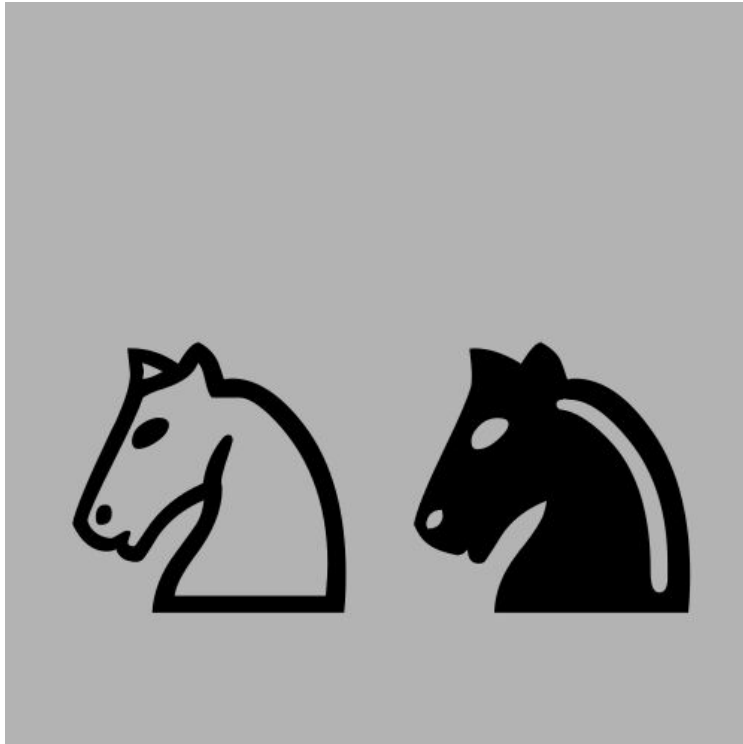


Figure 1.9: Icon of knight in chess



Figure 1.10: Photo of knight in chess

1.3.5 Rook

The shape of the top portion of [rook](#) loosely represents a [castle turret](#) . The rook is also called a castle. See [photo of rook](#). Each player has two rooks. Rooks are [stronger](#) than the knights or bishops.

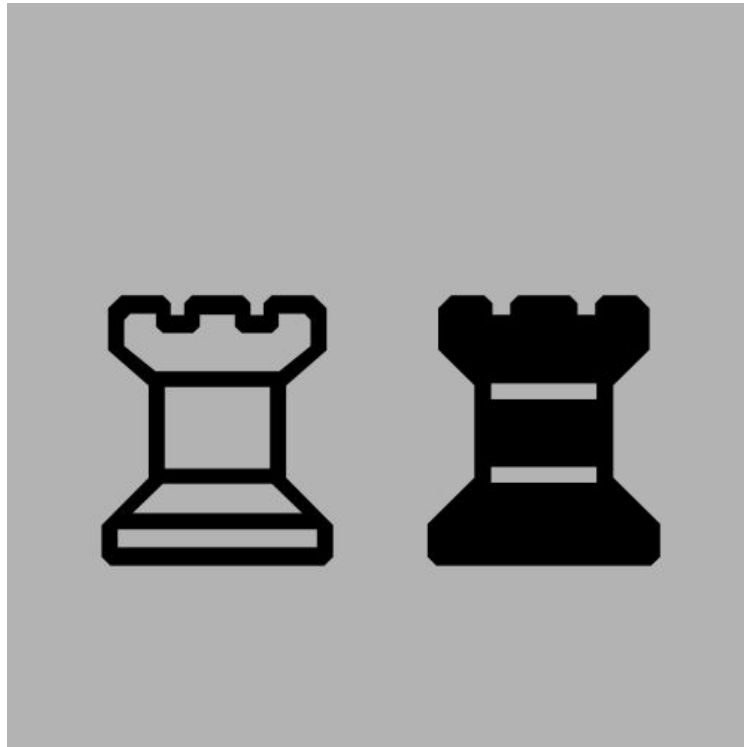


Figure 1.11: Icon of rook in chess

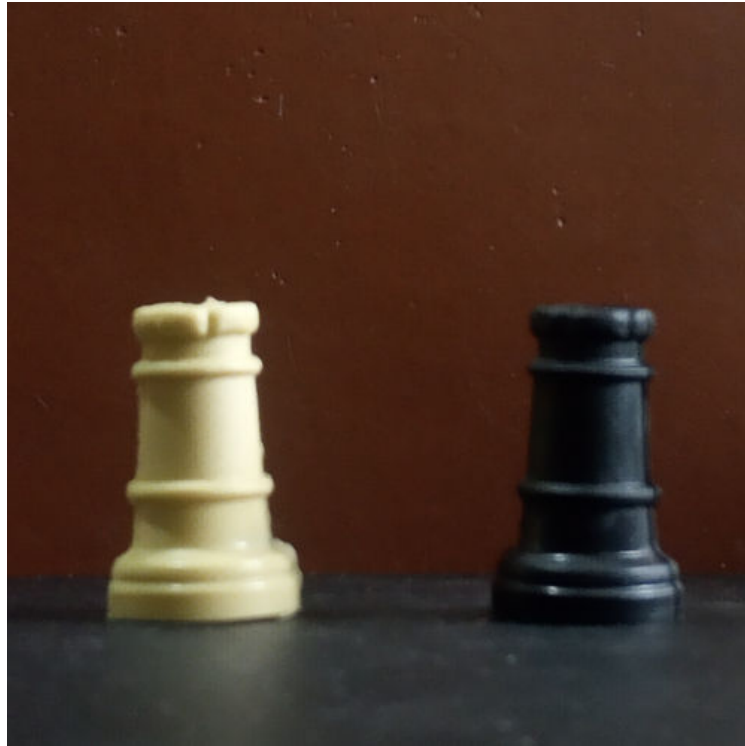


Figure 1.12: Photo of rook in chess

1.3.6 Pawn

Each player has eight [pawns](#), see [photo of pawn](#) . They form the first line of defense. It is also the second most weakest among the pieces . The [pawn](#) is the [shortest](#) among the chess pieces and has a ball on its top.

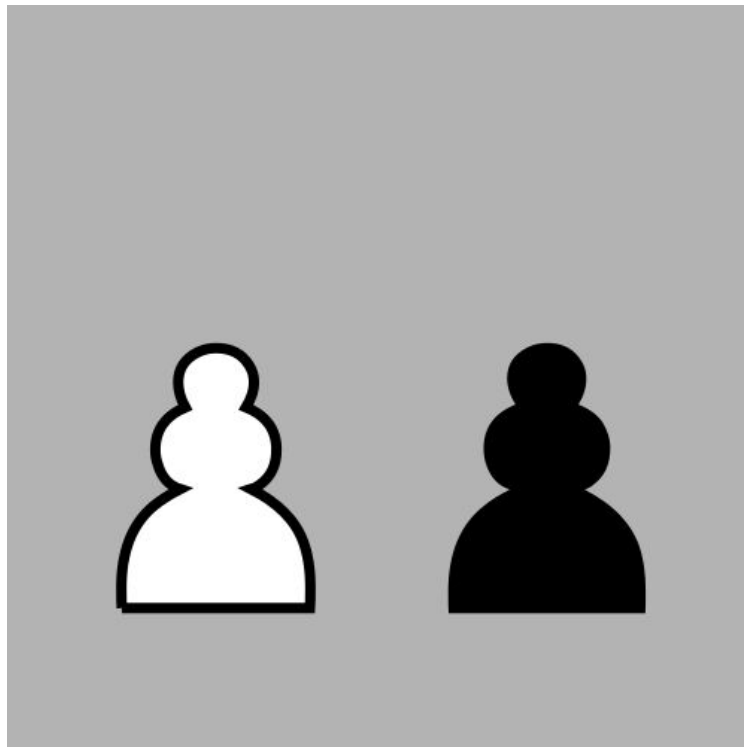


Figure 1.13: Icon of pawn in chess

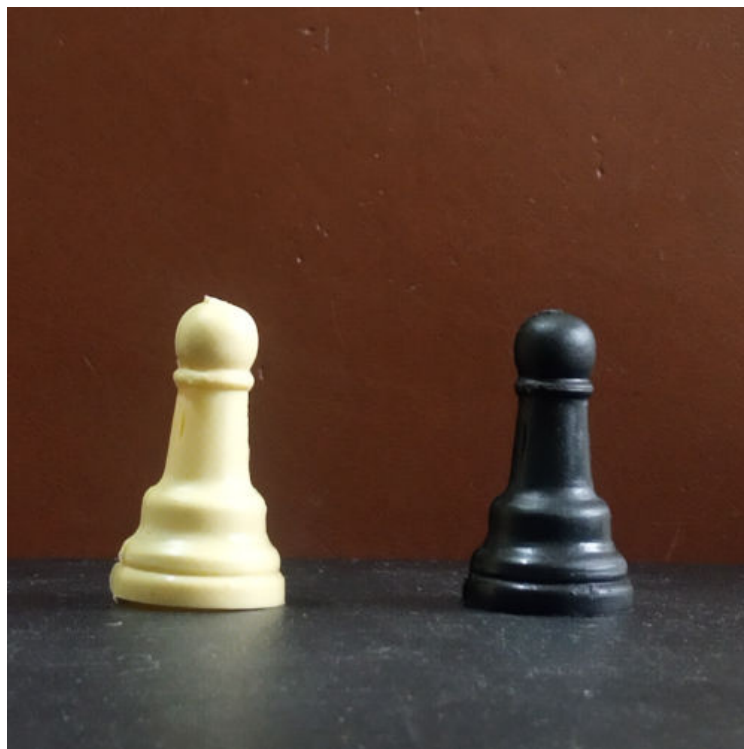


Figure 1.14: Photo of pawn in chess

1.4 Value of chess pieces

The common standard [values of chess pieces](#) are

- [King](#) - invaluable
- [Queen](#) - 9
- [Rook](#) - 5
- [Bishop](#) - 3
- [Knight](#) - 3
- [Pawn](#) - 1

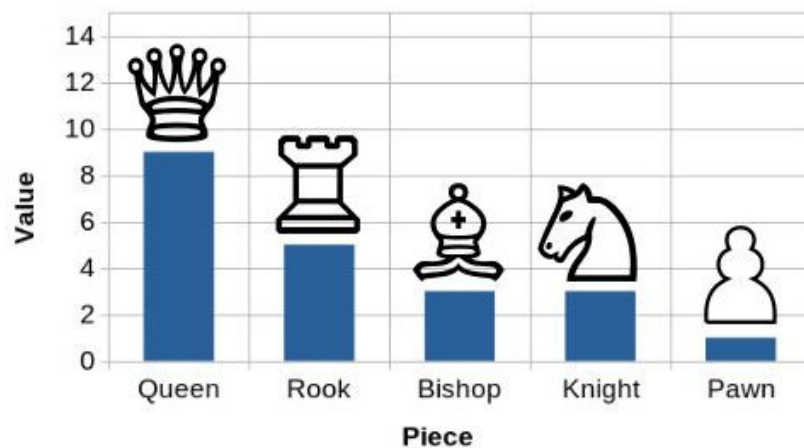


Figure 1.15: Value of chess pieces

As the game reaches the [end game stage](#), the [value of the chess pieces](#) may vary based on the status of the chess board.

1.5 Photo of chess pieces



Figure 1.16: Photo of chess pieces

The photo above shows all the chess pieces such as king, queen, knight, bishop, rook and pawn.

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